

Listing of Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A cross aisle connection panel comprising:
 - a housing with a top and a bottom, a first and second opposed sides and first and second opposed ends defining an enclosed interior;
 - a plurality of input connectors on the first side;
 - a plurality of output connectors on the first side electronically connected with the plurality of input connectors;
 - a first cable bracket ring-structure mounted at each opposed end; and
 - a second cable bracket ring-structure mounted at each opposed end;
 - wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure is hingedly mounted about a vertical axis and movable between a first and second position;
 - wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure covers at least some of the input and output connectors on the first side when in the first position; and
 - wherein the covered input and output connectors are exposed when the second cable bracket ring-structure is in the second position.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cross aisle panel of claim 1, wherein the housing includes mounting flanges at each end for mounting the panel to a telecommunications equipment rack and the housing and cable brackets ring-structures are sized and shaped to fit within a telecommunications rack.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cross aisle panel of claim 1, wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure is hingedly mounted to the first cable bracket ring-structure.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A telecommunications rack comprising:
 - a base having a first side and opposing second side;
 - a first vertical frame member having a top and a bottom, the bottom being attached to the first side;
 - a second vertical frame member having a top and a bottom, the bottom being attached to the second side;

a top connecting the top of the first vertical frame member with the top of the second vertical frame member;

a cross aisle panel mounted to the vertical frame members, the cross aisle panel including:

a housing with first and second opposing ends:

a faceplate including a plurality of input connectors on a first side of the faceplate;

a plurality of output connectors on the first side electronically connected to the plurality of input connectors;

a first cable bracket ring-structure mounted at each opposing end; and

a second cable bracket ring-structure mounted at each opposing end;

wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure is hingedly mounted about a vertical axis and movable between a first and second position;

wherein the second cable bracket ring-structure covers at least some of the input and output connectors on the first side when in the first position; and

wherein the covered input and output connectors are exposed when the second cable bracket ring-structure is in the second position.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The telecommunications rack of claim 4, wherein the rack includes a plurality of vertical cable guides defining a first vertical cable channel and the first cable bracket ring-structure defines a portion of the first vertical cable channel.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The telecommunications rack of claim 5, wherein the vertical cable guides define a second vertical cable channel and the second cable bracket ring-structure defines a portion of the second vertical cable channel.